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employees of the Ministry of Justice.

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The Presidium of the district penal court of justice in Praha

Pres. 1053

Praha, August 3, 1949

To all employees of  
this court

Very urgent.

Schooling of justice employees  
in Marx-Lenin theory - examinations.

The Ministry of Justice stated by order of July 28, 1949 -  
No. 12.700,49 - J 1, the following :

" We announce that all judges, legal clerks active in justice services and clerks of the higher court service will have to pass examinations in the Marx-Lenin theory after termination of the idealistic schooling. These examinations will take place not later than in the last quarter of this year. Also the other employees will have to undergo examinations in Marx-Leninism. Apart from this justice employees will undergo examinations before every promotion, this with adequate demands.

It is expected that justice employees have already began the study of Marx-Leninism, that they regularly read the newspapers and thus learn the actual problems of our construction of socialism. During examinations it will be mainly emphasized that the candidate should follow the great construction effort of our working people and not knowledge acquired from books, whether he knows the main problems of our internal and foreign policy, whether he has studied and understood the statement of the President of the Republic at the IX. congress of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, whether he himself has thought about the consequences of the general line of this meeting and the main statements made at this rally, especially whether it is clear to him how at his post he can actively improve this effort exercised by the Government and the working people and which is a directive for every individual. During the examinations it will also be explored to what extent the candidate realizes the task of justice at the present time of the sharpest class fight against the enemies of the ruling working people, whether he is capable to exercise his function in the justice apparatus, whether he understands its mission in the fight against the malicious persons harming the political and economic structure of the people's democracy and also the educational tasks of justice in the fight against the rests of capitalism, the idea of class justice.

These questions will be judged most severely. As soon as it will be noticed that the candidate does not continuously follow the daily press, that he did not study the agreement of the IX. rally of the communist party or did not understand the problems, that the tasks of justice at the present time are not clear to him, that he bureaucratically closes himself up from actual problems of life which surrounds him and that he does not realize his main task to be a faithful, generous and reliable servant of the working people and a fighter for socialism, then he will be judged

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unfavourably and no account will be taken even of the most exact knowledge of studies of books. In the first place it is demanded that the candidate should understand fully the great effort which is today exercised by all working people in towns in country without respect to party membership, principle and fight of our regenerated National Front.

It will also be demanded of employees to know the main principles of the constitution of the USSR and knowledge of the idealistic fundaments of the Czechoslovak constitution of May 9, 1948.

At the end it will be tested to what extent the candidate learned the subjects which were lectured during the idealistic schooling. It will not be demanded that they should know certain items by heart but the main emphasis will be laid on the fact whether the candidate understood the meaning, whether he thinks himself about it and whether he is improving his knowledge by further studies.

Employees, especially those who took part at the special schooling, are advised to study the following works apart from the subjects discussed at the IX. rally of the communist party of Czechoslovakia:

Marx-Engels	: The manifesto of the communist party; Short course of history of the VKS b,
Lenin	: The state and revolution - and the part of Stalin's memorandum at the XVIII rally of the VKS b, which refers to the state and which was published as a supplement to the Czech edition of this work by Stalin.
Ulrich	: Fundaments of marxist economy.
Gottwald	: Ten years, Forward, not a pace back Since February on the road to socialism.

It is advised to study privately apart from attending group discussions which ascertain the organization of political education under the guidance of an experienced instructor.

I call the importance of this statement to the attention of all employees and recommend appropriate care to this preparation.

Administrator of the  
district penal court of justice:

deputising Karel VIK (Sgd.)

Correctness of this statement  
certified by the acting chief  
of the presidium office.